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Enclosed within please find:

- 1. Amendment and Request for Interference Under 37 CFR §1.607;
- 2. Acknowledgement receipt postcard.

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Kindly add new claims 5-12 reading as follows:¹

- B1
- 5. A linearly flexible stent for implanting within a body vessel comprising:
- at least three turns defining a generally cylindrical body, the turns being generally independently expandable in the radial direction and generally aligned on a common longitudinal axis;
- each of the turns other than the first and the last having two adjacent turns spaced in opposite axial directions
- each of the turns defining the generally cylindrical body having an undulating pattern of zigzags or waves, each of the turns defining a generally cylindrical body being out of phase with the undulating pattern of each of the adjacent turns defining a generally cylindrical body; and

¹ A clean copy of the claims is annexed as Appendix 2.